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FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED ON FRAUD CHARGE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced that **PAUL SKALICKY**, of Plymouth, New York, was sentenced today, March 23, 2012, in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York before the Hon. David E. Peebles, U.S. Magistrate. **SKALICKY**, age 64, was sentenced to 5 years probation in connection with his plea of guilty to Fraud in Obtaining Federal Employees Compensation, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1920. Additionally, **SKALICKY** was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$20,124.54. The court also imposed a \$25 special assessment.

On October 18, 2011, **SKALICKY** admitted, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1920, that on or about February 23, 2010, he knowingly and willfully made and caused to be made materially false and fraudulent statements and representations in connection with the receipt of federal workers compensation benefits. In 1999, **SKALICKY** began collecting federal workers compensation benefits for a sprained ankle. On February 23, 2010, **SKALICKY** told an agent with the Department of Labor that he remained disabled and that he required a cane to ambulate. Covert surveillance conducted by agents from the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General established that **SKALICKY** did not use a cane or require the use of a cane to walk.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General and the Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

This prosecution was handled in the United States Attorney's Office by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tamara B. Thomson. Further information can be directed to the United States Attorney's Office at (315) 448-0672.